Book 3 (Ancient India) — Class XI—Ram Sharan Sharma, Reprint 2001, pages 7, 20-21, 45, 90—92, 137-138, 240-241.

Book 4 (Medieval India) — Class XI —Satish Chandra, Reprint 2001, pages 237-238.

(c) and (d) NCERT is developing new text-books based on the new Syllabus. Due care is being taken by them to ensure that these books do not contain any material/reference which is likely to hurt the sentiments of any particular community or religious minority. There is no fixed panel of experts for writing the text- books. When the text-books are finally printed, the names of the experts associated with the development of text-books are mentioned in them.

Survey of continental shelf

1421. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India would be first Asian country to conduct a survey of its continental shelf;

(b) if so, whether the project is being funded by the Department of Ocean Development;

(c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research and the National Institute for Geophysical Research, Hyderabad;

(d) if so, what is the total cost to be involved in this project; and

(e) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THEM1NISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Several countries are initiating marine surveys for preparation of their claims on continental shelf. India is among a few Asian countries to conduct marine geophysical survey for delineation of outer limits of its continental shelf. The project is funded by Department of Ocean Development and implemented by National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa on behalf of the Department.

(c) Yes, Sir. In this regard a Memorandum of Understanding has been singed by National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research, Goa with National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad in relation to acquisition of data during the survey, data interpretation, documentation and manpower.

(d) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 47.46 crores.

(e) While the data acquisition and data interpretation are likely to be completed by March 2003 and March 2004 respectively, the project is likely to be completed by 2005.

Upgradation of Jaiton Gangsar Railway Station

1422. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received for upgradation of Jaiton Gangsar Railway Station of Northern Railway;

(b) since when the matter has been pending with the Railways;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade this Railways Station, in view of the historical importance and tourism value of the city; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether demand to raise the platform has been pending for the last thirty years; if so, by when it is likely to be raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This station is a "E" category station and adequate facilities as per the laid down norms have already been provided. There is no proposal to upgrade the station presently.

(d) No demand has been received for raising of platforms. Further, existing platforms are of adequate height required as per the laid down norms.

Installation of Captive Power Plants

†1423. PROF. R.B.S. VERMA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 26, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) the expenditure to be incurred on the joint venture power projects of the Ministry of Railways and NTPC;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.